

Prattville High School – Forensic and Criminal Investigation

Mrs. Ferguson – Room 301

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Communication all communication will be through ParentSquare and email.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Forensic and Criminal Investigation is a rapidly developing area of the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security cluster. Forensic and criminal investigators provide assistance to firefighters and law enforcement officers as well as the criminal justice system. This one-credit course focuses on career opportunities, safety, history of forensic science, criminal investigation, forensic serology and DNA testing, forensic studies in anthropology, toxicology, fingerprinting, firearms, physics, and document examination.

Lesson Plans can be found at gophslions.com. Go to School Staff and click Ferguson..

GRADING

- Major Grades will include Unit Tests and Major Projects. Minor Grades will occur on a variety of assignments, including class participation, worksheets, writing assignments, problem-solving labs, and quizzes.
- Papers/projects will be returned to you. Tests are kept in my files. Keep all returned graded papers until that term is complete to verify grades, if a question arises.

- Forensics**

1st Semester	Major Grades=65% 1st nine weeks =40%	Minor Grades=35% 2nd nine weeks =40%	Midterm=20%
2nd Semester	Major Grades=65% 3rd nine weeks=40%	Minor Grades=35% 4th nine weeks=40%	Final =20%

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Many assignments be submitted through Schoology for all students (unless otherwise specified)
- Projects will **NOT** be accepted more than **2 days late** and will drop 10% of the assigned grade each day.
- If a student is caught with a cell phone or other method for cheating during a test, he/she will receive a 0 with no retake.

MAKEUP WORK

It is the *student's responsibility* to communicate with me about makeup work. For regular daily assignments (other than projects), you have as many days to make up the work as you have been "excused" for your absence. Projects are due on the assigned due date or the day you return from an absence.

REMEMBER: It is your responsibility to make up tests and assignments without me reminding you.

- Tests must be made up **before school** within **one week** after returning to school.

LATE-WORK POLICY

- Daily classwork assignments - No credit given *without* excused absence.
- Projects and all other assignments will be accepted late only with an excused absence.

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A	60-69 D
80-89	B	0-59 F
79-70	C	

SUPPLIES

- composition book
- pencils
- colored pencils
- glue stick
- tape

RULES

- Show respect to everyone and everything!
- Be in your seat and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
- Bring your notebook, paper, and pencils to class every day.
- Personal area must be clear of trash before leaving class.
- You must stay in your assigned seat at all times unless given permission to get up.

Restroom Policy

The whole class will take restroom breaks on block days. You will be given 8 passes per quarter to be used during any other time in class. No additional bathroom passes will be given unless there is an emergency.

Cell phone Policy

Cell phones, ear buds, smart watches, gaming devices, etc. are not permitted in school at any time. Please refer to the Focus Act.

DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR CLASSROOM RULE VIOLATION

1st offense: verbal warning

2nd offense: parent/guardian contact

3rd offense: parent-teacher-admin conference

4th offense: office referral

CONTENT

Unit 1: Introduction to Forensics

Unit 2: Forensic Evidence

Unit 3: Death and the Human Body

Donations of paper towels, tissues, and hand sanitizer are appreciated.

*The science department asks for a **\$10 cash donation** to purchase lab supplies, and technology equipment.*

Please return the form below to Mrs. Ferguson by August 15, 2025.

I have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Ferguson's Forensics class and have shared them with my parents.

Student's name: _____ Period _____

Student's signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian signature: _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent's email address _____